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Supplier Declaration of Compliance

AB Blåkläder aims to provide the market with ethical, socially and environmentally sustainable products with high functionality and for long term use.

Legislation and Market demands

When placing products on the market, AB Blåkläder abide by the relevant and applicable legislation. This includes, but is not limited to, European chemical legislation; such as REACH, the Stockholm Convention and the Biocidal Regulation.

Chemical requirements, apart from the legislation, are concluded in the cooperation with the two Swedish textile trade organizations RISE's Chemical group and the Swedish Textile Importers. AB Blåkläder is a member of these networks and use the organizations common Chemical Guide as a requirement for evaluation and selection of all materials and trims.

Products under the brand Blåkläder fulfills the base level requirements for textiles defined by the Swedish National Agency for Public Procurement.

The materials and trims used in AB Blåkläders garments are generally fulfilling the requirements in OekoTex 100; level 2. The only exceptions made are due to technical demands and functionality of the finished product.

Through fulfillment of European chemical legislation and Oeko-Tex 100 class II in combination with application of the chemical restrictions and limitations in the RISE's Chemical Guide (completed with AB Blåkläder Restricted Substance List) all Blåkläder products comply with the California Proposition 65 and are not subject to the labeling requirements in the proposition.

AB Blåkläder continuously strives to choose the least environmentally strained option without altering quality or functionality of the product. The enterprise holds certificates for both ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 and the management system routines are clear and defined to always, in all areas, pursue the feasible solution with the lowest environmental impact.

AB Blåkläder is a member of the Better Cotton Initiative (BCI), a sustainability program for the farming of cotton. BCI is a validation that the cotton is sustainably grown and also that the people in the raw material supply chain has fair and safe working conditions.

Materials and trims in the garments of AB Blåkläder have a high level of recyclability. To enable recycling the components and materials needs to be separated. The different techniques for recycling of diverse types of materials are not equally progressed and therefore the possibilities of recycling is very much varying between different materials.

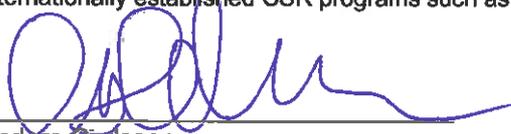
CSR and Business Ethics

To ensure working environment and ethical conditions for everyone involved in the supply chain AB Blåkläder has drafted a Code of Conduct based on the ILOs conventions (29 (Forced Labour), 87 (Freedom of Association), 98 (Right to Organize and Collective Bargaining), 100 (Equal Remuneration), 105 (Abolition of Forced Labour), 111 (Discrimination), 138 (Minimum Age) and 182 (Worst Forms of Child Labour)), UN Global Compact, UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In case the local legislation is more stringent than this Code or if it for other reasons is required to consider the national acts, then the local regulations applies prior this Code.

The AB Blåkläder Code of Conduct covers work environment, freedom of association, child labor, wages, corruption and other areas critical for an ethical and sustainable chain of production.

More than 90% of AB Blåkläders garments are manufactured in operations that are conducted in accordance with internationally established CSR programs such as SA 8000, BSCI, SEDEX and WRAP.



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